

News Release
From the City of Greenville



SUBJECT: “Sandy” Harris Promoted To Battalion Chief

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Fire/Rescue Chief Mike Burton has announced the promotion of Noel “Sandy” Harris, III to the rank of Fire/Rescue Battalion Chief, effective October 1, 2005.

Chief Harris is a 23-year veteran of Greenville Fire/Rescue. Harris is a certified paramedic who serves the Department in many different roles. For the past 13 years, he has served as the Fire Training and Development Coordinator, responsible for the overall training program for the Department. He is also the Team Commander for the North Carolina Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 10, which is based in Greenville, and is a component of the state’s overall preparedness efforts to enhance homeland security.

Chief Burton said, “We had a great pool of candidates to select from. Chief Harris will be a great addition to our command staff, and his broad experience base will help assure the citizens of Greenville are in good hands.”

Battalion Chief is a key component of the overall command staff for Greenville Fire/Rescue. The Battalion Chief is responsible for the daily operation of six Fire/Rescue stations, and serves as the incident commander on all significant incidents.

Sandy has a Masters Degree in Child Development and Family Relations from ECU, and has participated in several professional development courses in a wide variety of subjects over the years. He and his wife, Carolyn, have a daughter attending UNCW, and a son who lives in Asheville. In his spare time, Sandy is an avid angler.

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